Medical College, Thiruvananthapuram to the level of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS). Under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY), it is proposed to upgrade one Medical Institution each to the level of AIIMS in various States including Kerala. The proposal from Kerala will be considered as and when the approval to PMSSY Scheme is obtained from the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs.

Representations by Electro-homoeopathy Doctors

1260. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received many representations from the Association of Electro-Homoeopathy doctors for introduction of The Recognition of New System of Medicine Bill-2005", in the Parliament;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of Government's efforts to save the career of doctors who are engaged in the practice of Electro-Homoeopathy and other alternative systems of medicine?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) to (c) The Government has constituted a Standing Committee of Experts under the Chairmanship of Director General, Indian Council of Medical Research and members were drawn from various fields of medicine to consider and give its recommendations to the Government on the efficacy/merits of various streams of alternative medicine and also examine the feasibility of making legislation as suggested by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi. The Committee developed essentia! and desirable criteria for grant of recognition to a new system of medicine and analysed the different streams of alternative medicine including electro-homoeopathy. The Committee did not recommend

recognition to any of these alternative medicines except the already recognised traditional systems of medicines viz. Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani, Homoeopathy and Yoga and Naturopathy which were found to fulfil the essential and desirable criteria developed by the Committee for recognition of a system of medicine. "The Recognition of New Systems of Medicines Bill - 2005" has been drafted in pursuance of the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in a case for regulating such systems/therapies of medicines which are not extended recognition by the Government. The new Bill will help in addressing various issues relating to recognition of different new systems of medicines (including electro-homoeopathy) and penalising those who indulge in undertaking unauthorized practice and teaching of these systems. The Government has received number of representations against the proposed Bill.

Graft charges, against officials of AIIMS

1261. SHRIAMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of officials of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences have been facing graft charges since long;

(b) if so, what are the names of such officials alongwith the charges against each and since when the investigations are pending; and

(c) by when the investigations are likely to be concluded and the chargesheets likely to be filed in courts against them?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) to (c) The AIIMS has reported that there are three cases of graft charges. The details are in the statement.